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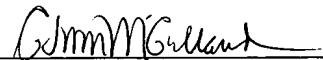
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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (1-220380) on Form PTO-1449:

This discloses the regenerative photo-electrochemical cell which comprises a polycrystalline metal oxide semiconductor layer having a substantially monomolecular chromophore layer in a surface zone.

Reference AP (2002-289268) on Form PTO-1449:

The present invention relates to an electrolyte composition comprising an electrolyte containing at least one kind of an imidazolium salt and gel reagents.

Reference AQ (2001-102103) on Form PTO-1449:

This reference relates to an electrode characterized by having a dye and a molecule which controls electric charge.

Reference AW (Tae-sik KANG, et al. "Enhanced Stability of Photocurrent-Voltage Curves in Ru(II)-Dye-Sensitized Nanocrystalline TiO₂ Electrodes with Carboxylic Acids", JOURNAL OF THE ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY, Vol. 147 (8), 2000, pgs. 3049-3053) on Form PTO-1449:

This reference relates to a Ru(II)-dye-sensitized TiO₂ solar cell with the addition of carboxylic acid in I⁻/I₃ acetonitrile solution.

Reference AX (S. Y. HUANG, et al., "Charge Recombination in Dye-Sensitized Nanocrystalline TiO₂ Solar Cells", J. PHYS. CHEM, Vol. B 101, 1997, pgs. 2576-2582) on form PTO-1449:

This reference relates to a Ru(II)-dye-sensitized TiO₂ solar cell with the addition of a basic material such as t-butylpyridine and polyvinylpyridine.

Reference AY (Emilio PALOMARES, et al., "Slow charge recombination in dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSC) using Al_2O_3 coated nanoporous TiO_2 films", CHIME.COMM., 2002, pgs. 1464-1645:

This reference relates to a Ru(II) -dye-sensitized TiO_2 solar cell by using of composite metal oxide such as the Al_2O_3 .

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